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IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Stephen G. Evangelides, Jr. et al.
Serial No. : 10/621,115
Filed : 07/16/2003
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING SYSTEM
MONITORING IN A TERMINAL INDEPENDENT INTERFACE
LOCATED BETWEEN A TERRESTRIAL OPTICAL
TERMINAL AND AN UNDERSEA OPTICAL TRANSMISSION
PATH

Art Unit : 2633
Examiner : Li, Shi K.
Confirmation No. : 9086
Docket No. : 9005/19

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SIR:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
and NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant an additional 1-month extension of time (from January 24, 2006 up to and including Friday, February 24,

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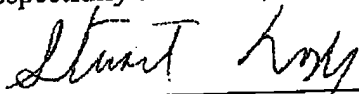
2006) in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2005 in the above-identified application. Authorization is hereby given to charge the difference between the 2-month extension fee (which was paid with the Amendment After Final that was filed on January 20, 2006) and the 3-month extension fee that is due on February 24, 2006, i.e. \$285 (\$510 less \$225 paid on January 20, 2006) to the undersigned attorney's PTO deposit account No. 50-1047 accordingly.

Applicant hereby respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed August 24, 2005 finally rejecting the pending claims in this application.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1047 the appeal fee in the amount of \$250. It is further requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments made to Deposit Account 50-1047.

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Respectfully submitted,


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